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### **South Fulton Youth Teams To Compete in Reinstated Outlaw Basketball Classic**

(City of South Fulton, GA – November 10, 2022) – Young hardwood players from across the City of South Fulton will take their best shots during the return of the Outlaw Classic basketball tournament Dec. 16.

The tournament, named for former local basketball legend Elbert Outlaw, will feature competition in two categories – 10 and under and 12 and under. A special reunion game will feature some of Outlaw's former players.

"Elbert Outlaw gave so much to this community, both on and off the court," said District 5 City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Corey A. Reeves. "He helped shape the lives of countless youths and set them on a path to build successful lives. We are grateful he walked among us in South Fulton."

Planned for Burdette Gym, the tournament is sponsored by the city's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department. It is set to run from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. The entry fee will be unwrapped new toys, new kids' clothes and canned food, which will be donated to the Fulton County Department of Family and Children's Services.

As a student athlete at Bertie Senior High School in Windsor, N.C., Outlaw was named an all-state point guard and received honorable mention as an All-American. He was a four-year starter and an All-American at Elon College, where he played with future NBA players World B. Free and M.L. Carr as well as future NCAA coached Rick Barnes and Tubby Smith.

An honor graduate, Outlaw earned a bachelor's degree in social science with a double minor in English and political science. He completed graduate courses in community counseling at Georgia State University.

Following college, Outlaw served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and spent four years as a drill instructor. And excelled as a player and coach in softball, football and basketball.

During his career, Outlaw was a college coach at Morris Brown College; founder of the Greatest Pro-Am Basketball Leagues; owner, general manager and head coach of the United States Basketball League's Atlanta Eagles and Atlanta Trojans.

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He served as president and executive director of the Team Georgia Basketball Club; athletic director and manager of the Team Georgia Basketball Club; athletic director and manager of Fulton County sports programs, where he served as community center director at Burdett Park from 1980-1998. He retired in 2015 after 35 years with the Fulton County Department of Parks and Recreation.

For more information about the Outlaw Classic, call (470) 809-7176.

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### **About the City of South Fulton**

Home to more than 108,000 residents, the City of South Fulton is Georgia's seventh-largest city. It covers more than 86 square miles and features both urban and rural landscapes with the most undeveloped land on metro Atlanta's southern side. Incorporated on May 1, 2017, South Fulton is among Georgia's youngest and fastest-growing cities – on the rise and recognized as the place you want to be. Learn more, download our smartphone app and connect with us on social media at [cityofsouthfultonga.gov](http://cityofsouthfultonga.gov).